



Family Readiness Group Newsletter



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From the HHC Commander CPT Matthew A. Anderson



Quote of the Month

*"May the road rise to meet you.
May the wind always be at
your back. May the sun shine
warm upon your face, the rain
fall soft upon your fields and,
until we meet again, may God
hold you in the palm of his
hand."*

-Irish Blessing

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Hello Team 16 Family and Friends,

I would first like to say thank-you all for your untiring support of the soldiers. We truly appreciate the contributions to the soldiers in the form of care packages, letters, emails, and the occasional phone call. I see it almost every day, a soldier receives a package from home and his spirits are lifted immediately. When a soldier is able to get through on the phone and talk to a loved one for a few minutes they walk away from the phone with a HUGE smile on their face.

I am so proud of each and every member of Team 16 and the contributions to Operation Iraqi Freedom that they make on a daily basis. So many things go on everyday in the company that a typical day is really different for almost everyone. It is amazing to see the diversity of the work we do and how many directions such a small company can go at any given time. We have soldiers at three different locations. Most are now in Iraq with only a few remaining in Kuwait.

We now do physical training on a daily basis. We have showers and latrines that need to be cleaned daily. The dining facility serves hot meals for breakfast and dinner. Lunch is an MRE. We have an MWR tent that has satellite TV, a weight bench, mats, tables to play games. We had a DVD and a bunch of movies but currently the DVD player is inoperative. We hope to replace it soon.

We recently had a major windstorm that lasted about 30 minutes but caused extensive damage. The soldiers did a great job cleaning up and putting tents back up when possible. Nine tents were either blown away or fell. Of the nine, five back up within an hour and four were destroyed. No injuries to the troops and spirits remained high despite the property damage. It just goes to show the caliber of soldiers in the HHC is unmatched. A truly superb display of teamwork.

We are all anxious to get home but still have work to do here. I do not know when we will redeploy but I do know when we do it will be a great finish to an incredible display of service to the greatest country in the world. Not knowing when we will redeploy is, of course, the hardest part of a deployment of this nature. All we can do is keep our spirits high and our minds focused on the mission here.

Your thoughts and prayers continue to get us through this deployment. Thank-you again for supporting our soldiers, without it we would not be a complete unit. Remember also to support your FRG and take care of each other back home in Germany. We are taking care of each other here in Iraq.

Very Respectfully,

Matthew Anderson
Captain, Transportation
Commanding



Upcoming June FRG Meeting

- The next **Family Readiness Group meeting** will be **Wednesday, June 11, 2003 at 1800** in the **Chapel Annex**.
- **GUEST SPEAKER: Ms. Charlotte Riley**, AFTB Program Service Coordinator.
- **Topic:** DSN (Deployment Support Network).
- Ms. Riley will cover in her **two hour presentation** Community Resources and Family/Military Expectations.



- **As always kids are welcome.** Bring a photo of your child. We will have supplies available for making "I miss you to pieces" picture frames for their deployed parent. Pictures will be framed and mailed following the meeting.
- Please bring a favorite family dessert and recipe to share for refreshments. Drinks will be provided.

- Please come and show your support for your FRG.
- To all of you who weathered the storm and made it to the May FRG meeting-thanks it was nice to see all of you there.
- Your continued involvement will help to make our FRG a success.



Thank-you
Kim Smith

For all that you do!

Community Happenings in Hanau and Surrounding Areas

- **Stay tuned to Community Happenings** by picking up a copy of the **Herald Union** and checking out the **Hanau Community website at www.hanau.army.mil**.
- **Traditional Asparagus Festival in Rodenbach. June 6-9, 2003.** An annual end of spargel season festival. Enjoy various spargel meals, amusement park rides and a fest tent with live music.
- **Knights Festival at Ronneburg Castle. June 7-9, 2003.** Enjoy medieval life. For more information visit www.burg-ronneburg.de.
- **Lamboy Fest in Hanau. June 13-15, 2003.** Between Freiheitsplatz and Schlossplatz.
- The mailroom on Hutier Kaserne, **CMR 412**, is no longer able to accept MPS packages for downrange. Packages will now need to be mailed from the APO on Wolfgang.
- **Summer Hire** for family members ages 14-23 runs from June 16-July 25. For an application go to www.hqusareur.army.mil and click on "Summer Hire 2003".
- **The Sound of Music** is the current production at the playhouse on Old Argonner Kaserne. Final showings for Show Only will be June 5-6, 2003 at 1930. Tickets cost \$12/12 Euro. Final showing for Dinner Theater Show is June 7, 2003 at 1800. Tickets cost: \$25/25 Euro.



Did

You Know?

Spargel or white asparagus is in season here in Germany until mid-June.

It can be bought at roadside stands or ordered in local restaurants.

Typically, new potatoes, and ham or schnitzel are served with spargel.

See Community Happenings in Hanau and Surrounding Areas for information about the Rodenbach Traditional Asparagus Festival held annually at the end of Spargel Season.

Downrange Happenings

It's good to know that life downrange is not all business. Here is a sample of what else our soldiers have been doing.



Quarter Master Regimental Week FWD Golf Tournament held at Dogwood Dunes Golf Course. 5 Holes. Par 19. The QM Regimental Week Golf Tournament was held on the same day stateside.

Winners

MAJ Brown and SGM Harvey shot a 21
Longest Drive on Hole #5-MAJ Brown



HHC Chess Tournament-The top four soldiers will compete against 485th and 181st top soldiers to determine Best in Group.

Winners

1st MAJ Pacheco
2nd CPT Staley
3rd SGT Miller
4th COL Brown



Memorial Day Celebration - HHC conducted a Memorial Day Golf Tournament and Sports Day. Events included: A 5 K Run, Dodge ball, volleyball, Football Accuracy Throw, Horseshoes, 100M Dash, Long Jump and Tug-Of-War.

Winners

Golf Tournament

1st MAJ Brown and SGM Harvey (Two time Dogwood Dunes GC winners).

2nd MAJ Pacheco and CPT Anderson

3rd LTC Macgillis and MAJ Waller

5 K Race

Male Winners

SSG Roder
SSG Montgomery

Female Winner

SGT Rivers

100 M Dash

Winners

1st PV2 Smith
2nd SPC Galper

Volleyball

Winners

1st SGT Lamb, SSG Turner, SSG Billingsley, SSG Thomas and PV2 Grisby.

2nd SGT Washington, 2LT Marshall, SPC Vantassel, SGT Sanchez, and PVC Benedict.

3rd (TIED) SSG Griffin, SSG Modkins, SPC Pabellon, SPC Mason, and PFC Prescott.

3rd (TIED) SPC Williams, PV2 Smith, SGT Sanchez, SGT Sanchez, SFC Esquibel, and SGT Offer.

Football Accuracy Throw

Winners

1st SGT Sanchez and SGT Sanchez
2nd SPC Hoback and 1LT Saravia
3rd SGT Walquist and 2LT Marshall

TUG-OF-WAR

NO Winner-everyone fell on their butts-the rope broke.

Memorial Day Formation-paid respects to all the soldiers who have made the ultimate sacrifice so that the rest of us can live in FREEDOM.

Upcoming Events-Farewell Dinner for LTC Sage. Planning a roast style dinner and a golf tourney on June 3.

WE SALUTE YOU!

May Promotions

SSG Beckford to SFC
MSG Harvey to SGM
SFC Hendricks to MSG
SSG James to SFC

June Promotions

PFC Prescott to SPC
PFC Vallarta to SPC

Award Presentations

SGT Washington, ARCOM (PCS Award from Walter Reed)



SPC Hendricks, MSM (Connelly Competition)

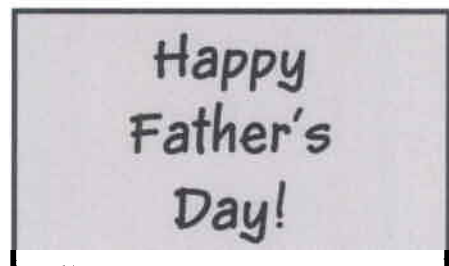
CW2 Brooks, MSM (Connelly Competition)

SPC Potter, Good Conduct Medal

SPC Beaudion, Good Conduct Medal

SPC Padilla, Good Conduct Medal

A complete list of wartime award presentations will be published in the July Family Readiness Group newsletter.



Support Our Troops

The **FRG** and **Rear D** continues to seek donations for care packages to be sent downrange. The collection box is located outside of the door to the EAC, room 102, on the first floor of the headquarters building.



Thank-you SPC Hurtle and all your helpers for preparing and shipping the care packages to our troops. Your thoughtfulness will not go unnoticed.

Hello to the Spouses of the 317th RAOC

The 317th RAOC is a Reserve Unit attached to 16th CSG down range. Their FRG Leader, Katherine Dicrocco, found our deployment web page online and contacted us.

According to 16th CSG HHC Company Commander, CPT Anderson, the 317th RAOC has provided great support for our area.

Both the soldiers and leadership are incredible. They are very good at what they do and have really added to the effectiveness of the

16th CSG.



They manage the land at LSA Dogwood. They are experts in force protection, and provide intelligence on the enemy and activities in our area and across the

country.

Their support is invaluable. Their soldiers are innovative and contribute ideas to improve the overall situation in our area on a daily basis.

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Monthly Website Spotlight

Worldtimeserver.com



If you ever find yourself wondering what time it is on some far off corner of the world-you should visit www.worldtimeserver.com.

Not only does this site include the current time in many major cities but a globe showing geographical location as well.

Worldtimeserver.com is a website that provides visitors with the most accurate current local times of anywhere in the world.

To link to the current time in Iraq, use www.worldtimeserver.com/?locationID=IQ

Willkommen und auf Wiedersehen!

HHC welcomes the following soldiers and their families:

- LTC Debarato-Our new Deputy Commander
- PVT Duarte
- CPT Strack
- SGT Bahl



HHC FWD welcomes the following soldiers on their arrival downrange:

- SPC Williams
- SGT Peoples
- MSG Hendricks

HHC wishes the following soldiers and their families a fond farewell:

- LTC Sage
- MSG James
- CPT Knieriem
- CPT Gawin
- MAJ Brown
- SSG Corbett
- SPC Galper
- PFC Bidlack
- CPT Lumbert



LTC Sage



RECIPE CORNER

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This month's recipe, is an **Anderson Family Favorite Dessert**. It is Strawberry Cheesecake and very easy to make.

This cheesecake is both a Birthday and Holiday favorite.

If you have the chance to make it we hope you enjoy it as much as we do.

Each month I will feature a new recipe.

If you have a favorite recipe you would like to share please email it to me at janet.

Strawberry Cheesecake

1 package yellow cake mix
2 tbsp oil
16 oz cream cheese-softened
1/2 cup sugar
4 eggs
1 1/2 cup whole milk
3 tbsp lemon juice
3 tspn vanilla
1 can (1 lb 5 oz) fruit filling

Preheat oven to 300. Reserve one cup of dry cake mix. In large mixing bowl combine remaining cake mix, one egg and oil. Mixture will be crumbly. Press into the bottom and three quarters of the way up the sides of a 13x9x2 inch pan.

In bowl, blend cream cheese and sugar. Add three eggs and reserved dry cake mix. Beat for one minute at medium speed.

Decrease to low speed and slowly add milk and flavoring. Mix until smooth. Pour into crust.

Bake at 300 for 45-55 minutes or until cheesecake center is firm.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 FRG Meeting at 1800 Chapel Annex	12	13	14 FLAG DAY 
15 Happy Father's Day	16	17	18	19	20	21 First Day of Summer
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					